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DOOM OF THE NORTH.¹

Isaiah 9:8-10:4.

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I

The Lord sent a word into Jacob,
And it hath lighted upon Israel.
And all the people shall know, even Ephraim and the inhabitant
of Samaria, that say in pride and in stoutness of heart,
The bricks are fallen,
But we will build with hewn stone;
The sycamores are cut down,
But we will change them into cedars.
Therefore the Lord shall set up on high against him the adversa-
ries of Rezin and shall stir up his enemies; the Syrians before,
and the Philistines behind; and they shall devour Israel with
open mouth.
For all this his anger is not turned away,
But his hand is stretched out still!

II

Yet the people hath not turned unto him that smote them
Neither have they sought the Lord of hosts.
Therefore the Lord will cut off from Israel head and tail, palm-
branch and rush, in one day.
The ancient and the honorable man,
He is the head;
And the prophet that teacheth lies,
He is the tail.
For they that lead this people cause them to err; and they that
are led of them are destroyed. Therefore the Lord shall not

¹ Intended to illustrate the combination of prose with verse in the same stanza system. R. G. M.

rejoice over the young men, neither shall he have compassion on their fatherless and widows: for every one is profane and an evil-doer, and every mouth speaketh folly.

For all this his anger is not turned away,
But his hand is stretched out *still!*

III

For wickedness burneth as the fire;
It devoureth the briers and thorns:
yea, it kindleth in the thickets of the forest, and they roll upward in thick clouds of smoke. Through the wrath of the Lord of hosts is the land burnt up: the people also are as the fuel of fire; no man spareth his brother.

And one shall snatch on the right hand,
And be hungry;
And he shall eat on the left hand,
And they shall not be satisfied:
they shall eat every man the flesh of his own arm: Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh: and they together shall be against Judah.

For all this his anger is not turned away,
But his hand is stretched out STILL!

IV

Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees,
And to the writers that write perverseness:
to turn aside the needy from judgment, and to take away the right of the poor of my people, that widows may be their spoil, and that they make the fatherless their prey!

And what will ye do in the day of visitation,
And in the desolation which shall come from far?
To whom will ye flee for help?

And where will ye leave your glory?
They shall only bow down under the prisoners, and shall fall under the slain.

For all this his anger is not turned away,
But his hand is stretched out STILL!